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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, paragraph 3 (bridging pages 2 and 3) has been amended to read:

Further, it is also known to first lead fibers through a special device in order to round them off, after which they can be further processed in any way whatsoever. An example thereof is known from EP 0.674.862, whereby bundles of fibers are separated from a fiber stock by means of a holder in the shape of a rotating bundle remover and temporarily stay in this holder to be subsequently, after a certain rotation of the bundle remover, supplied again to a cartridge. During the rotation, the fibers pass along a device for rounding off the fiber ends. In EP ~~0.674.826~~ 0.674.862, this device is schematically represented and no explanation is given as to whether the fibers are either or not clamped in particular. In reality, the fibers are indeed clamped in particular with a relatively large clamping force, by means of special clamping means. In practice, such a device is relatively complex as extra clamping means are required.

Page 15, paragraph 1 has been amended to read:

It should be noted that the take-up openings 6, ~~may possibly be partly sealed at the height of~~ when aligned with the fiber cartridge 15, may be partly sealed, for example by means of the indicated element 18, as a result of which the fibers 3 end up somewhat loosely in the take-up openings 6 as they move further. This element 18 is optional, however. When the fibers 3 are pushed with little force out of the fiber cartridge 15 into the take-up openings 6, they will still be 'loose' so to say in the take-up openings 6, even if no element 18 is being used.